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### **Innovations and best practices to be featured at Workforce Development Conference**

JEFFERSON CITY -- Business professionals, employment and training service providers and workforce development practitioners from across the nation will attend the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Conference on Workforce Development.

The conference is slated for October 10-12 at Tan-Tar-A Resort, Osage Beach, Mo. "*Changes, Challenges and Champions!*" is the theme of this year's conference, which is sponsored by the Missouri Division of Workforce Development.

Gov. Bob Holden will share his vision of Missouri's workforce development system on the opening day of the conference. Assistant Secretary Emily DeRocco, U.S. Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, will address conference goers Thursday, Oct. 11.

More than 40 breakout sessions will be offered with topics including best practices in cost allocation; employer engagement in the one-stop system; private sector/public partnerships; regional planning; workforce investment board leadership development; workforce investment act; triage and assessment; and total quality management.

The conference will recognize individuals from across the state who have benefited from Missouri's workforce development system during the annual alumni awards presentation. The conference will also feature a number of exhibits, including the Missouri WORKS! Internet site, which contains over 45,000 job openings and over 100,000 qualified applicants.

A \$210 registration fee includes an opening reception, continental breakfasts, awards luncheon, dinner and choice of conference sessions. After September 30, the registration fee will increase to \$250.

For more information regarding the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Governor's Conference on Workforce Development or to register for the event, please visit our web site at [www.ecodev.state.mo.us/wfd](http://www.ecodev.state.mo.us/wfd) or call (573) 751-2816.